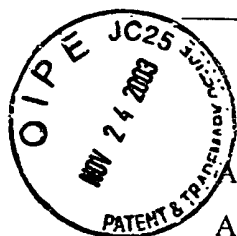


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.